

America Recycles Measurement Workgroup Steering Committee Meeting

Resource Recycling Conference 2019

Monday, August 26, 2019, 4:00-5:00 PM (CT)

Sheraton New Orleans, Poydras Room

Purpose/Desired Outcomes:

- Review and provide input on definition of recycling and recycling system map.
- Determine next steps for steering committee and workgroup members to ensure delivery of priority action(s), announcements, and communications products for November Summit.
- Discuss recommended additional workgroup actions for inclusion in *National Framework for Advancing the U.S. Recycling System*, anticipated to be released in November 2019, including the timeline for finalizing the actions and commitments in the Framework.

Action Items:

- EPA will schedule calls for steering committee to continue developing the recycling system diagram
 - EPA will clean up draft recycling system map based on conversation at Resource Recycling and distribute to subgroup for comment
- EPA will share definition with materials measurement group
- Steering committee and additional meeting participants to brainstorm what additional categories should be included in recycling system diagram

Meeting Notes:

Group reviewed definition of recycling

- A few changes were made to the definition. Updated definition below.
 - Recycling refers to the series of activities by which discarded or used materials are collected, sorted, processed and/or converted into feedstocks to be used in the manufacture of new products. *Excludes* the use of these materials for energy production or as fuel substitutes as well as composting.
- Next steps for definition
 - EPA will talk to larger materials measurement group about the workgroup's definition.
 - With measurement workgroup approval, definition will then go to the broader America Recycles workgroup members for review.

EPA's vision for Measurement group

- Once definition is finalized workgroup will ideally develop metrics for measuring recycling and the associated data points throughout the recycling system.

- Broader goal is to overlay the created recycling system diagram with the data currently available about the recycling system.
- It will be necessary to determine how available data is collected and how/if it corresponds with data points on the map.

Group brainstorms parts of the system diagram

(See attached diagram)

Draft Schedule for Completion and Task Assignments

Task	Lead	Deadline
Revise definition of recycling per 8/20 workgroup feedback and review recycling system map	Steering Committee	9/12
Conference Call to further discuss/finalize future actions to be included in National Framework	Steering Committee	9/12
Provide feedback on recycling system map	Workgroup	Week of 9/23
Conference Call with full workgroup to discuss future actions to be included in National Framework	Workgroup	Week of 9/23
Review/comment on draft Framework	Workgroup	Week of 9/23
Provide feedback on revised recycling system map and definitions	Workgroup	Week of 9/23
Develop 1-pager for Summit summarizing the committee's progress and any key concepts	Steering committee	Week of 9/23
Provide feedback on 1-pager	Workgroup	Week of 9/30
Comments Requested on Framework Actions	Workgroup	Week of 10/7
Continue to make progress on November deliverables	Steering Committee	Week of 10/7
Send materials for printing	EPA	Week of 10/14